

Walton Radio Association  
Minutes of the December Meeting  
December 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order at the Delaware County Public Safety building, Delhi NY at 2:10 P.M. by President KB2RLH. Those in attendance were as follows: KB2RLH, K2EZK, W2TKB, NX2J, AA2RM, AB2IC, and WB2JOW.

### **Reports**

The minutes of the November 2008 meeting were accepted as read.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,327.48. Additionally, the statement of accounts was reviewed by the Secretary. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Nets: CW – No report available FM – 27check-ins for November

### **Old Business**

KB2RLH reported that KC2CQS is still interested in hosting the W2LZ repeater, including concluding a lease agreement and providing a right of way for access. KB2RLH suggested trying a temporary antenna and station on a trial basis. The temporary antenna could be mounted on an existing wood pole at the site. It was further reported that the site has been spotted with a GPS system and that KC2CQS has a power supply available. AB2IC suggested considering a new repeater for the new location as an alternative due to the age of the existing repeater. The existing repeater is being repaired by W2CD. It's not known if the unit will be fully operational soon.

### **New Business**

AA2RM reports that the Oneonta repeater will be set up for PL tone access on January 1, 2009. The PL tone will be set at 167.9 Hz to help resolve interference problems. The Oneonta repeater is maintained by Tri-County communications of Oneonta and has good coverage in the area from its location.

KC2OKK, George Eighmie, of Stamford visited at the meeting and requested to join the WRA for 2009.

K2EZK questioned whether the 146.955 MHz repeater has been maintained, as it seems to have less coverage than in the past.

The next meeting is planned for the Walton Fire dept. on January 4, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. local time. Refreshments will be provided by AA2RM and KB2RLH.

AB2IC provided those present with an interesting program about operating DX on the HF bands. In addition to AB2IC's comments, K2EZK added expert comments during the presentation about his personal experience as an active and very successful DX operator.

A listing of holiday safety tips was distributed by KC2OKK.

A gift exchange followed the presentation. It is noted that KC2LAB, while not able to be in attendance, provided a gift for the exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, WB2JOW Secretary

(Edit: AB2IC provided soda and his wife's home baked, frosted sugar cookies. W2TKB provided his wife's pecan-pie tartlets – always a favorite.)